

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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WELFARE REFORM BILL/Drug Addicts and Alcoholics

SUBJECT: Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 1995 . . . H.R. 4. Bingaman modified amendment No. 2484 to the Dole modified perfecting amendment No. 2280 to the committee substitute amendment.

ACTION: AMENDMENT REJECTED, 41-58

SYNOPSIS: As reported with a committee substitute amendment, H.R. 4, the Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 1995, will overhaul six of the Nation's ten largest welfare programs.

The Dole modified perfecting amendment would strike the provisions of the committee substitute amendment and insert in lieu thereof substitute provisions, entitled "The Work Opportunity Act of 1995."

The Bingaman modified amendment would appropriate an additional \$100 million for each of fiscal years 1997-2000 for activities relating to the treatment of the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Those favoring the amendment contended:

A majority of Members appear to be intent on passing, on this bill and on other bills, a total of \$1.345 billion in cuts in fiscal year 1996 funding for drug and alcohol abuse programs. We question the wisdom of making such drastic cuts. These programs can be very effective in reducing criminal activity. The importance of reducing drug-related criminal activity cannot be overstated--fully 60 percent of Federal prisoners are incarcerated for drug law violations. Our House colleagues proposed giving the States \$100 million in funding for each of fiscal years 1997-2000 to offset part of the loss in Federal program funding. The leadership amendment which should soon be offered contains a compromise proposal--it would add \$50 million for each of fiscal years 1997-1998. We think that proposal is inadequate, and have therefore offered the Bingaman amendment. We urge our colleagues to agree with the House by agreeing to this amendment.

Those opposing the amendment contended:

(See other side)

YEAS (41)			NAYS (58)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (2 or 4%)	Democrats (39 or 85%)		Republicans (51 or 96%)	Democrats (7 or 15%)		Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
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Jeffords	Biden	Kennedy	Ashcroft	Inhofe	Breaux		
	Bingaman	Kerrey	Bennett	Kassebaum	Byrd		
	Boxer	Kerry	Bond	Kempthorne	Daschle		
	Bradley	Lautenberg	Brown	Kyl	Feingold		
	Bryan	Leahy	Burns	Lott	Kohl		
	Bumpers	Levin	Campbell	Lugar	Moynihan		
	Conrad	Lieberman	Chafee	Mack			
	Dodd	Mikulski	Coats	McCain			
	Dorgan	Moseley-Braun	Cochran	McConnell			
	Exon	Murray	Coverdell	Murkowski			
	Feinstein	Nunn	Craig	Nickles			
	Ford	Pell	D'Amato	Packwood			
	Glenn	Pryor	DeWine	Pressler			
	Graham	Reid	Dole	Roth			
	Harkin	Robb	Domenici	Santorum			
	Heflin	Rockefeller	Faircloth	Shelby			
	Hollings	Sarbanes	Frist	Simpson			
	Inouye	Simon	Gorton	Smith			
		Wellstone	Gramm	Snowe			
			Grams	Specter			
			Grassley	Stevens			
			Gregg	Thomas			
			Hatfield	Thompson			
			Helms	Thurmond			
				Warner			

The leadership amendment on which we will likely soon vote contains a compromise provision on drug and alcohol programs. That compromise provision was negotiated in good faith. Unfortunately, one side is now insisting on a vote on its original position. We urge Senators to stick with the compromise agreement by voting against this amendment.